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1. TURKISH GOVERNMENT CONTINUES MAINTAIN OFFICIAL SILENCE AND SEEMINGLY RELAXED POSITION ON SITUATION IN GREECE AS GOT LEADERS CONTINUE THEIR TRAVELS. PRIMIN DEMIREL AND FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL ARE IN GERMANY AND PRESIDENT SUNAY IS ON AEGEAN TOUR.

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2. HOWEVER, TURKISH PRESS REPORTS AND EDITORIALS ARE STILL DEVOTING CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO GREEK SCENE. RECENT NEWS STORIES HAVE CENTERED AROUND DECISION TO TRY ANDREAS PAPANDREOU FOR ALLEGED ASPIDA INVOLVEMENT AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S REPORTED INTERVENTION WITH GREEK JUNTA TO ASSURE HE IS NOT EXECUTED OR OTHERWISE UNFAIRLY TREATED.

3. MAJOR LEFTIST EDITORIALISTS, WHO CONTINUE TO LAY BLAME FOR GREEK COUP UPON EXTERNAL FORCES, RECENTLY HAVE TURNED TO NEW YORK TIMES STORY RELATING NATO'S "PROMETHEUS PLAN" FOR GREECE. SILCUK IN LIEFTIST CUMHURIYET SEES THIS AS GOOD REASON FOR TURKEY NOT TO BE NATO MEMBER, WONDERING WHETHER THERE SIMILAR PLAN IN EXISTENCE FOR USE VKN TURKEY. TLP DEPUTY ALTAN, WRITING IN FAR-LEFT AKCAM, SEES GREEK PEOPLE FALLING UNDER FASCIST DICTATORSHIP THANKS TO NATO PLAN. WESTERN POWERS, AC

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CORDING TO ALTAN, ARE CAPABLE OF EXTENDING THIS SORT OF FASCISM TO ANY UNDERDEVELOPED PEOPLES WHO MIGHT TRY TO EXERCISE THEIR FREE CHOICE FOR THE IDEAL SYSTEM--

SOCIALISM. RIGHTIST EDITORIALISTS ALSO COMMENT ON "PROMETHEUS PLAN", POINTING OUT THAT AMERICAN OFFICIAL REACTION TO COUP BELIES ANY INVOLVEMENT, BUT DEPLORING THE FACT THAT GREEK OFFICERS HAD AT HAND SUCH EASILY EXECUTABLE PLAN.

4. RECENT ISSUES OF SON HAVADIS AND YENI GAZETE BOTH CARRIED "EXCLUSIVE" INTERVIEWS WITH GREEK FONMIN EKONOMOU-GOURAS IN WHICH HE QUOTED AS SAYING TALKS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY CONTINUE TO BE NECESSITY FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM. LATTER PAPER REPORTS HE STATED "ENOSIS REMAINS BEST SOLUTION FOR ALL THREE COUNTRIES INVOLVED".

5. MODERATE-LLEFT MILLIYET HAS CONTINUED ITS SERIES FROM ATHENS BY SAMI KOHEN. HE REPORTS FINDING IN ATHENS TWO VIEWPOINTS ON JUNTA'S POSITION IN CYPRUS. FIRST IN JUNTA WILL PURSUE HARD LINE TO INGRATIATE ITSELF WITH GREEK PUBLIC. SECOND MORE OPTIMISTIC VIEW IS THAT JUNTA WILL BECOME STRONG AND THEREFORE BE IN BETTER POSITION THAN ANY PREVIOUS GOG TO COME TO AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY. HE DOES NOTE, HOWEVER, NEW GOVT'S FIRM PUBLIC STAND IN FAVOR OF ENOSIS. KOHEN CONCLUDES THAT CYPRIOTS ATTACH MORE IMPORTANCE TO INDEPENDENCE THAN EVER BECAUSE OF MILITARY GOVT IN ATHENS. UNDER THESE CIRCUKSTANCES IT SHOULD PROVE EASIER AND MORE LOGICAL THAN AT ANY PREVIOUS TIME FOR TURKEY TO COME TO AGREEMENT WITH GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION. "DEMARCHES SHOULD BE MADE THAT DIRECTION".

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